

FIRSTBORN SON

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"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. ... And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David; to be taxed with Mary, who was betrothed to him, and was great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her **Firstborn Son**, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:1-7)

"And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought Him to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord; as it is written in the law of the Lord, "**Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy (sanctified) to the Lord;**" (Luke 2:22-23)

Consider these commandments found in the **Law of the Lord**:

"And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, "**Sanctify unto Me all the firstborn, whoever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is Mine.**" (Exodus 13:1-2)

"And it shall be when the LORD shall bring you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore unto you and to your fathers, and shall give it you, that you shalt set apart unto the LORD all who open the womb, and the first offspring of every beast which you have; **the males shall be the LORD'S.** ... and **all these firstborn of man among your children shall you redeem.** And it shall be when your son asks you in times to come, saying, "What is this?" - that you shall say unto him, "By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage. And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast; therefore I sacrifice to the LORD, the males of all that open the womb (of Egypt). **But all the firstborn of My children (Israel) I redeem.** (Exodus 13:11-15)

Firstborn: from the Greek word *prototokos* which means "first-born, the eldest; the first to be born among other children who follow afterwards; properly - first in time." (from two greek words: protos which means "first, chief, foremost, or pre-eminent" and tikto which means "bring forth", thus begat, or give birth")

Firstborn: from the Hebrew word *bekor* which means "first-born, the eldest; ..."

Son: from the Greek word *huios* which means "Son, properly, a son (by birth or adoption); (figuratively) anyone sharing the same nature as their Father.

Firstborn Son: The firstborn son in ancient Jewish culture, enjoyed certain special privileges. Their fathers' birthright was transferred to them. The firstborn son inherited a double portion of their fathers estate (Deuteronomy 21:17). The first-born of kings inherited their fathers' throne and rule over the kingdom (2 Chronicles 21:3). The priesthood was first bestowed upon each firstborn son, before being transferred to the tribe of Levi. (Num. 3:12).

Jesus was Marys firstborn son, and her first child to open her womb; and thus, as required by the Law, the child Jesus belonged to God! Joseph and Mary were required by the command of Gods Law to 'sanctify' (to set apart, or to consecrate) the infant Jesus to God; and then to redeem Him.

Jesus is also the **Firstborn Son** of His Father!

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Consider the following verses:

"For unto which of the angels did He (God) say at any time, "You are My Son (Jesus), this day have I begotten You?" And again, "I will be to Him (Jesus) a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son?" And again, when He brings in the **Firstborn** into the world, He says, "And let all the angels of God worship Him (Jesus)." (Hebrews 1:5-6)

"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came unto her, and said, Hail, you who are highly favored, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call His name **Jesus**. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David. And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you: therefore also that Holy Thing which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:26-35)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. This One was in the beginning with God! ... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him, and cried, saying, "This is He of whom I spoke; He who comes after me is preferred before me; for He was before me. And of His fulness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God (Son), who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him." (John 1:14-18)

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the **Son of Man** be lifted up: that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not **His Son** into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.." (John 3:14-17)

"Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one who loves is born of God, and knows God. He who loves not knows not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." (1John 4:7-11)

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the Firstborn Son

of Mary His human mother;
and of God His heavenly Father!
His only 'begotten'

Lord Jesus you are the Son of God the Most High!
You are Great and Mighty!
You are full of Grace and Truth and the Glory of the Father!
Thank You Jesus – Your Love is Amazing!